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## Memorial set for longtime TV reporter

**KELLY** A memorial service is planned for a veteran city television reporter.

According to the CTV Calgary website, longtime CTV reporter Gord Kelly died in hospital Saturday from complications due to cancer.

Gord Kelly

Kelly was a mainstay and familiar face in city television news for 40 years, and although he retired about 10 years ago, the former radio broadcaster-turned-television reporter stayed active in the community.

Prayers for Gord Kelly will be held Thursday at Holy Name Church, 2223 - 34 St. SW., at 7 p.m. A funeral service will be held at Holy Name Church at 11 a.m. Friday. METRO CALGARY

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ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY
Paul Barber, 13, carries the pearl of wisdom and knowledge, which the dragon tries to pursue endlessly, during Chinese New Year celebrations at the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre yesterday. People from all over the city came to celebrate the Year of the Ox.

# Lucky year ahead?

## Calgarians brave chill to celebrate Chinese New Year

JENNIFER HILLIKER
for Metro Calgary

**Despite freezing windchills yesterday, hundreds of Calgarians huddled outside the Chinese Cultural Centre to see that traditional lion and dragon dance that is believed to bring good luck and prosperity.**

Eighteen lions held up the twirling dragon, which moves to the rhythm of the drums.

The colourful dance is part of Chinese New Year celebrations. The year 4707 begins today.

"It's the time of the year where we visit each other and wish each other good luck," said Tony Wong, director of the Chinese Cultural Centre. "It really brings the Chinese community together."

Officials performed an "eye-dotting ceremony" before the dance, where they painted irises on the lion's eyes to symbolize them being brought to life. The honour was given to dignitaries representing the consulate general of the People's Republic of China in Calgary and sponsors of the event.

An estimated 20,000 visitors came to the three-day festival to ring in the Year of the Ox. Along with the dragon dancing, there were folk art demonstrations, singing, Chinese martial arts, Chinese calligraphy and painting, and an indoor bazaar of more than 50 booths selling festival gifts and food.

"It gets bigger and better every year," said Ho Kong Yung, who has attended celebrations in Calgary with his family since he moved here from Hong Kong as a child.

"It's exciting to see the new stuff they bring in from China."

Winston Ho has volunteered at the festival for the past three years, selling "lucky" rice.

"Everything at the beginning of the year is considered lucky," he said.

Ho's whole family joins him in volunteering, with his wife and children working in the kitchen. It's something he looks forward to every year.

"Giving back to the community is great," he said.

### Year of the Ox

- Year of the Ox: Born in 1949, '61, '73, '85, '97, 2007
- Traits: Simple, honest, straightforward
- Best match: Rat, snake and rooster

SOURCE: TRAVELCHINAGUIDE.COM

## Council debates cut to pay hike

**MOTION** A Calgary alderman is hopeful his fellow council members will vote to reconsider council pay increases, especially in light of the province doing the same.

Ward 10 Ald. Andre Chabot is putting forward a motion today to convince council to cut its 2009 salary increase to 2.75 per cent from 5.5 per cent.

Chabot is cautiously optimistic Premier Ed Stelmach's pledge to possibly look at provincial MLAs' pay increases during these economic times might sway council to do the same.

"I'm going to bring that point to council and show them it's not just us but other levels of government, too," Chabot said. "I think we could really set a precedent if we approve this."

City aldermen make more than $100,000 with car allowance and a 5.5 per cent increase would add about $5,000 to their salary.

Even if his fellow aldermen don't agree with a 2.75 per cent raise, Chabot thinks they might make an amendment to cut the raise to 3.5 per cent instead.

Calgarian Darren Dyrland thinks Mayor Dave Bronconnier and council should follow in Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel's footsteps and cut the raise.

"I agree with Andre Chabot. I think council needs to look at real city issues before giving themselves a raise."

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**Employee calls 9-1-1 after hearing hissing sound**
Calgary firefighters responded to an ammonia leak yesterday at a southeast restaurant, New Food Classics, after an employee called 9-1-1 following a hissing sound and a strong odour. The leak has since been stopped and no injuries were reported. METRO CALGARY

# Local

## Will you give up your seat for a soldier?

**Calgary Flames season ticket holders are being asked to give up a night at the 'Dome for a good cause. Calgary's Military Family Resource Centre is hosting a military appreciation night Wednesday, and needs to fill 30 seats for soldiers invited to participate, but has had only three responses thus far.** METRO CALGARY

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# Crime type differs between two Alberta cities

KRISTA SYLVESTER
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**A man pretending to be a woman on the Internet, allegedly lures a middle aged man to his garage before killing him, imitating a screenplay he wrote.**

If it sounds like the scene from a movie, that's because it practically is. But this is what allegedly happened in Edmonton when 29-year-old Mark Twitchell was charged in the disappearance and murder of a man police say he lured to his garage to kill.

Criminologist Bill Pitt

While both cities boast their share of crime, Calgary tends to have a lot of shootings, but Edmonton has had quite a few headline-stealing cases such as Twitchell and Thomas Svekla, the man who was found guilty of killing a prostitute.

Edmonton criminologist Bill Pitt acknowledges a mixture of bizarre incidents last year, but insists even in Edmonton they are unusual.

"The film director was (allegedly) a case of life imitating art imitating life, but those types are so statistically rare," Pitt said.

But what about the series of missing prostitutes found dead and the four men charged with cutting a man into pieces in a bloody apartment?

"People cutting up bodies, well that happens in every city everywhere and Calgary is no different. These guys just got sloppy and got caught," Pitt added. "Calgary has a lot of missing people who just haven't been found."

Cathy Prowse, a University of Calgary crime expert, said one possible reason for the difference in the types of murders between the two cities could be that Edmonton has more transients.

"I'm not suggesting transient people commit the crimes, but having more transients means people can go missing and people won't notice right away," Prowse said.

And Pitt agreed, adding, "Calgary has more of white collar, head office type and Edmonton has more blue collar, labour working type."

But both experts agree the gang problems — with Calgary's surging now, Edmonton's increasing — are taking the forefront of the city's crime trends.

## Students, composers feature new work at music festival

**CONCERTS** The University of Calgary is welcoming internationally acclaimed artists during a four-day concert program: The Happening 2009 New Music Festival.

The festival will feature new works by Canadian composers and U of C students. It opens tonight with the Rubbing Stone Ensemble at 8 p.m. at the Eckhardt-Gramatté Concert Hall (Rozsa Centre). Tickets are $25/adults and $18/students at Campus Ticket Centre or at the door. Passes for the festival are available by calling 403-220-5089. METRO CALGARY

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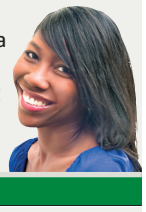

**Lotteries**

**Friday, Jan. 23 Lotto Super 7:** 3, 4, 1, 22, 28, 34 & 37 Bonus 21 **Saturday, Jan. 24 Lotto 6/49:** 9, 13, 20, 29, 35, 46 Bonus 5
These results are not official.

ROBIN KUNISK/FOR METRO CALGARY

Wes Jenkins, an eight-year veteran of Les Marmitons, checks on the veggies being prepared as the group helped cook up a gourmet meal for the homeless yesterday at the Calgary Drop-In Centre.

# Cooking up a storm at Drop-in Centre

**FOOD** It's not often the homeless get to savour gourmet cuisine prepared by top chefs, but yesterday about 3,500 fancy meals were enjoyed at the Calgary Drop-in Centre.

Les Marmitons, a gentlemen's cooking club, provided three meals and a snack on what is traditionally one of the coldest days of the year.

"We just wanted to give these guys some of the food that we enjoy, at least once in a while," said Glenn Comm, a member of Les Marmitons.

"You can't say that it's going to change their life forever. But for a lot of them it brings them back to when they were more productive. There was a guy from last year's event who said that this reminded him a lot of the restaurants that he used to eat in and what he could do again if he cleaned himself up."

Les Marmitons donated $25,000 for the event.

"We should tell our cook how to cook like that," said Ralph de Weerd, a client at the Drop-in Centre.

De Weerd said he was pretty grateful for the meals. "If we ate like that everyday, I'd be fat."

JENNIFER HILLIKER/ FOR METRO CALGARY

## Citizens encouraged to green up

**ENVIRONMENT** Did you recycle a milk carton this morning? Change to a low-energy light bulb? Carpool?

If so, the City of Calgary wants to know about it.

They will record all of your environmental contributions online in a new project about reducing Calgary's ecological footprint called One Million Acts of Green.

Sue Hayduk

"It's all about building momentum, starting with one person and possibly turning that into a million," said Sue Hayduk, environmental specialist with the City of Calgary.

"We're encouraging Calgarians to take action. It's anything anyone can do at home, at work or in the community."

The project is part of a bigger initiative called the Eco-Footprint Project. One goal is to set up two environmental projects in each Calgary ward by the end of 2009. JENNIFER HILLIKER/ FOR METRO CALGARY

**Suspected gangster's immigration hearing to listen to final arguments**
Immigration and Refugee Board members will hear any final information tomorrow to decide whether or not to send Jackie Tran back to Vietnam. Tran has been denying any gang affiliations since he was convicted for drug trafficking in 2004, but Canadian Border Services insist Tran is a gangster. METRO CALGARY

## A helping hand to start your business

**PARTNERSHIP** Optimistic entrepreneurs will now have an easier time accessing information on permits and licences they'll need to establish and run their own business.

The partnership between all levels of government and BizPal — a service now available to Calgarians online — will save time and paperwork for all involved.

## $20,000 raised for hit-and-run victim

**FINAL HOMECOMING** A fundraiser held at Money Pennies Eatery & Bar Saturday has helped to garner more than $20,000 to send hit-and-run victim Sandra McEvoy, also known as Sandra Casey, home to Ireland to be buried next to her mother and to assist with funeral expenses.

Sandra Casey

Donations are accepted for the trust fund at any CIBC branch under account #00209 010 8666881.

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## News in brief

**CANCELLED** The Citytv show Alberta's Best is Hiring aired its last episode yesterday after being unable to find material in today's economic recession. About 45 provincial employers used to pay to run recruitment videos on the weekly show.

**CORRECTION** On page four of Friday's edition, a story on the NDP asking for Albertans' input into the budget referred to the NDP as the National Democratic Party, when it should have been the New Democratic Party. Metro regrets the error. METRO CALGARY

# Carving up ice during hockey week

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

**Tireless and full of spunk, over 12,000 kids across Calgary are carving up the ice this week in the world's largest hockey tournament: The 39th annual Esso Minor Hockey Week.**

Even the littlest players are involved, with some teams playing three days back-to-back — a feat that leaves some parents a little short on energy, though the kids are excited to play in the tournament, according to one parent.

"It's harder on the parents than it is on the kids," said hockey mom Janice Holt, whose seven-year-old daughter Jordan plays on the Lake Bonavista Breakers novice team. "They'd play everyday."

The Breakers were up against the Novice 4 Trails West Devils yesterday, and they all have another game to play today.

But the kids are willing to work hard for the sport they love because for the teams that place in the tourney it means bragging rights, said Hockey Calgary president Perry Cavanagh.

"It's a great opportunity for teams that haven't done as well as other teams to emerge as champions," he said, adding even though at the novice level it isn't competitive — all the kids get a medal at the end — it's a good positive influence and fun for the kids.

Logan Oga-Crawford, 8, helped bring his Trails West team to a 7-2 victory yesterday at the Village Square Leisure Centre arena.

"My favourite thing (about hockey) is that you get to get active," he said, adding that they've enjoyed playing in the tournament.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY
The Bow Valley Flames, in black, play against the Trails West Blades at the Brentwood sportsplex yesterday as part of the Esso Minor Hockey Week in Calgary.

### Tourney stats

- 674 teams
- 2,432 coaches
- 4,338 volunteers
- 957 games played
- 450 refs

# Ransom drops for journalist

Somali kidnappers holding an Alberta journalist hostage have reportedly lowered the ransom demanded to free her and an Australian photojournalist.

When Sylvan Lake journalist Amanda Lindhout was captured at gunpoint in Somalia last August, her captors asked for $2.5 million for her safe return.

A Somali press freedom agency said Friday the ransom has been dropped dramatically, to $100,000.

A Somali tribal chief liaising in negotiations said those holding Lindhout, 27, and photojournalist Nigel Brennan, 35, hostage were asking for millions in September.

It is not known if the threat to kill Lindhout after the 15-day deadline was carried out. The date came and went with no further communication from captors.

Lindhout's parents could not be reached for comment yesterday.

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES/ METRO CANADA

# Mustard Seed Foothills shelter opens up for public look

Calling their stories an inspiration to the community that surrounds them, one generous Calgarian spent the afternoon at an inside tour of the Mustard Seed yesterday.

The Mustard Seed Foothills shelter invited Calgarians such as Carol Bartel out to hear the stories of clients and get a firsthand look at the facility.

"My mother and I have donated clothing, blankets and fabrics and such, and I would like to volunteer here, so I just wanted to get a closer look," she said.

**"This place is more than just a shelter and food, it's ... much more."**
Steve Griffin

And after listening to stories from clients, she had even more appreciation for the Mustard Seed.

"Just hearing the stories straight from their mouths and the hope they have, it's just so inspirational."

Mustard Seed managing director Steve Griffin said he was happy with the response from the community yesterday.

"This place is more than just a shelter and food, it's employment, treatment, education and much more," he said.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Read more about the Mustard Seed Foothills shelter at metronews.ca

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY
One of the Mustard Seed's sleeping areas for homeless people.

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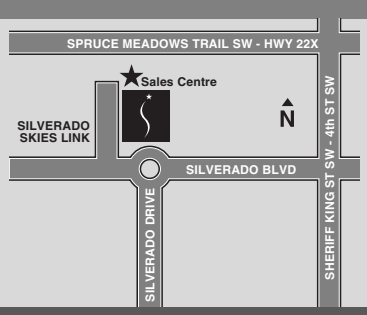


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**4** **Turnout too low for compensation vote**
A referendum on an agreement to compensate members of Manitoba's Peguis First Nation for land they surrendered failed to draw enough voters to make the results count. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada

## Tories target training

**More than $2 billion in training and support funds for those who lose their jobs will be announced in tomorrow's federal budget, along with hundreds of millions of dollars to create a new economic development agency for hard-hit southern Ontario.**

Human Resources Minister Diane Finley outlined the spending in an interview with the Torstar News Service as Prime Minister Stephen Harper hinted the budget would contain permanent tax cuts to put extra money in the pockets of middle-class Canadians.

Finley said the budget would contain $1.5 billion in cash to provide training for laid-off workers who are eligible to collect employment insurance and for those who cannot access EI funds under current rules.

### Stimulus package details

- Overall stimulus valued at about $21B
- $1B fund for mining, farming, forestry
- $2B for social housing
- Permanent tax cuts
- $500M to modernize farms/equipment
- $50M to expand slaughterhouses
- $50M to promote forestry abroad

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She admitted yesterday that a lot of Canadians are "unfortunately" going to lose their jobs before the economy bounces back.

Brushing aside budget secrecy traditions, the Conservatives continue to roll out the big-ticket items in tomorrow's budget on an item-by-item basis.

And cabinet ministers are hinting at permanent tax cuts that will provide more cash for middle-class Canadians in hopes they will spend it on consumer goods to jump-start the desperately weak economy.

On Saturday, Harper confirmed tomorrow's budget will contain lasting tax cuts, not simply short-term tax reductions meant to help get Canada escape the recession.

"If we're talking about tax cuts, these measures in most cases have to be permanent to be effective," he told La Presse newspaper.

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## Chrétien **Co-operating on competitiveness**

FAHAD SHADEED/REUTERS

**Former prime minister Jean Chrétien, left, and Saudi Arabia's Minister of Finance Ibrahim al-Assaf attend the third Global Competitiveness Forum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia yesterday. The forum brings together roughly 1,500 delegates from all over the globe with the intent to prepare advice to present to the G20 when that group meets in April.**

## Avian flu confirmed at B.C. poultry farm; 60,000 birds to be culled

**JEFF HODSON**
Metro Canada

**HEALTH** The cull of about 60,000 turkeys will begin today or tomorrow following an outbreak of bird flu at a farm in Abbotsford, B.C.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) confirmed Saturday the presence of H5 avian influenza at E&H Farms.

"Tests to date indicate that the strain of (avian influenza) in this case is low pathogenic," the CFIA said in a release.

**"Tests to date indicate that ... this case is low pathogenic."** CFIA Report

"Further testing is underway to confirm pathogenicity and to determine the precise subtype and strain of the virus."

Avian influenza viruses rarely affect humans and if poultry is properly handled and cooked, does not pose a risk to food.

Poultry owners in the area have been asked to employ biosecurity measures and monitor their flocks, immediately reporting any sick or dead birds.

### News in brief

**TRANSIT** The union representing Ottawa transit workers said it will meet with city officials to resume negotiations today, as thousands are expected to rally on Parliament Hill for an end to the longest bus strike in the city's history, CBC News Online reports. The 2,300 workers have been on strike since Dec. 10.

**QUEBEC** An Quebec provincial police officer is suing the force for $5.4 million, alleging it failed to protect him from racial harassment, CBC News Online reports. Mehrdad Golzarian accuses the force of failing to shield him from racial discrimination in the workplace.

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**Avalanche claims 10 lives in Turkey**
An avalanche that swept down a mountain near a small winter resort killed 10 climbers in northeast Turkey yesterday, but seven of their companions survived the crush. REUTERS

# World

# Israeli PM promises to protect soldiers

**International calls to investigate Israel over alleged war crimes in the Gaza Strip prompted Prime Minister Ehud Olmert yesterday to promise military personnel state protection from foreign prosecution.**

"The commanders and soldiers sent to Gaza should know they are safe from various tribunals and Israel will assist them on this front and defend them, just as they protected us with their bodies during the Gaza operation," Olmert said.

Last week, the military censor ordered local and foreign media in Israel not to publish names of army commanders in the Gaza war and to blur their faces in photos and video for fear they could be identified and arrested while travelling abroad.

Israeli media reports said the military had been advising its top brass to think twice about visiting Europe.

Speaking at a weekly cabinet meeting, Olmert said Israel's justice minister would consult the country's top legal experts and find "answers to possible questions relating to the Israeli military's activities" during the 22-day war.

Some 1,300 Palestinians, including at least 700 civilians, were killed, medical officials said, in the offensive Israel launched in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip with the declared aim of ending cross-border rocket attacks.

The civilian deaths sparked public outcry abroad and prompted senior UN officials to demand independent investigations into whether Israel committed war crimes.

Israel said hundreds of militants were among the Palestinian dead and that it tried its best to avoid civilian casualties in densely populated areas where gunmen operated. REUTERS

## Proposed truce terms

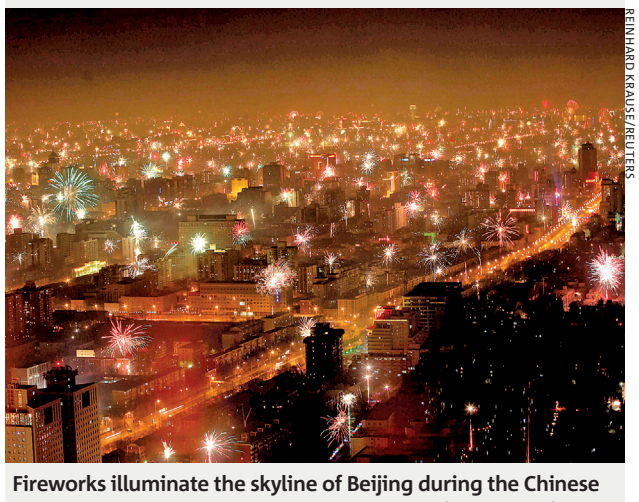
- Israel has proposed to Egyptian mediators an 18-month ceasefire with Hamas, but the group that controls Gaza said it wants a one-year ceasefire, a Hamas official said yesterday.

## Storm kills 15 in France, Spain

**DAMAGE** European countries sent teams of electricians to France yesterday and Spain deployed extra troops to help deal with the aftermath of a storm that killed 15 people in southwest France and northern Spain.

With Saturday's winds of up to 190 kilometres an hour gone, the sun rose over a chaotic landscape of fallen trees and pylons, destroyed roofs, crushed cars and scattered debris. REUTERS

## China **Happy New Year**



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**Fireworks illuminate the skyline of Beijing during the Chinese New Year celebrations yesterday. Hundreds of millions of Chinese geared up to welcome the Year of the Ox, packing temple fairs and setting off fireworks and firecrackers.**

## **News** in brief

**VIETNAM** At least 40 people drowned when a ferry sank in central Vietnam yesterday, police said. Most of the dead were women and children on their way to a market at the start of the week-long Lunar New Year festival, a police officer said.

**DOWRY** Nepal's beleaguered Maoist Prime Minister Prachanda vowed yesterday to ban the dowry system and criminalize untouchability.

**REBELS** Sri Lankan soldiers captured the last major town held by Tamil Tiger separatists yesterday, moving a step closer to finishing off one of Asia's longest-running insurgencies, the army said. REUTERS

## Obama plans to ban weapons in space

**POLICY** U.S. President Barack Obama's pledge to seek a worldwide ban on weapons in space marks a dramatic shift in policy, while posing the tricky issue of defining whether a satellite can be a weapon.

Moments after Obama's inauguration last week, the White House website was updated to include policy statements on a range of issues, including a pledge to restore U.S. leadership on space issues and seek a worldwide ban on weapons that interfere with military and commercial satellites.

It also promised to look at threats to U.S. satellites, contingency plans to keep information flowing from them, and what steps are needed to protect spacecraft against attack. REUTERS


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**Last survivor for Reuters family dies at 96**

Marguerite, Baroness de Reuter, a European aristocrat from a bygone age and last survivor of the family that founded the international news agency, died yesterday at age 96, friends said. REUTERS

# Italian PM blasted for comments on rapes

**Italian leader Silvio Berlusconi, promising to mobilize 30,000 soldiers to combat crime after a spate of rapes in Rome, said yesterday rapes will still occur unless there are "as many soldiers as pretty girls".**

The centre-right prime minister was re-elected last year on a promise to fight crime and has enlisted the help of 3,000 troops to help police. He said on Saturday he would raise that number tenfold, prompting criticism he was creating "a police state."

The opposition said three particularly brutal rape cases in Rome this month showed that mobilizing the military had done nothing to reduce crime. Berlusconi responded yesterday that "such things can always happen even in the most militarized, police state."

**"Berlusconi ought to refrain from saying offensive things about women."**
Vittoria Franco, shadow equality minister

"We could not field a big enough force to avoid this risk. We'd have to have as many soldiers as there are pretty girls. I don't think we would manage," he told reporters.

Critics said the 72-year-old billionaire, whose fondness for flirting with women in public has earned him public reprimands from his wife, was being flippant about a very serious matter.

"Berlusconi ought to refrain from saying offensive things about women," said shadow equality minister Vittoria Franco.

"Basically what he is saying is that if women leave home alone they run the risk of being raped or attacked because it is not possible to make the country safe," she said.

REUTERS

## Bolivia **Morales wins referendum**

ENRIQUE CASTRO-MENDIVIL/REUTERS

An indigenous woman submits her ballot at a polling station in El Alto yesterday. Bolivian voters approved a new constitution yesterday to give the poor indigenous majority more power and let socialist President Evo Morales run for re-election.

# More women opting for a mastectomy

**CANCER** A small but growing number of women with cancer in one breast are deciding to have the other one surgically removed to avoid the possibility that a tumour develops there in the future.

Women diagnosed with cancer in one breast are at heightened risk for a tumour in the other breast, but doctors have struggled to determine which women are at highest risk of such an outcome.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among women worldwide, with an estimated 465,000 dying annually, according to the American Cancer Society. REUTERS

## **News** in brief

**RELIGION** The Russian Orthodox Church prayed for divine guidance yesterday at the start of a contest for a new leader that is likely to pit conservatives against those who want to open up the church to the rest of the world.

**ALCOHOL ABUSE** At least one in five men in developed countries are at risk of abusing or becoming dependent on alcohol during their lifetimes, U.S. researchers said yesterday. REUTERS

# Indonesian Muslims debate smoking ban

**EDICT** Indonesia's top Islamic body debated yesterday whether to apply a blanket ban on smoking for Muslims or place a more limited restriction on tobacco use in Southeast Asia's biggest economy.

Officially secular Indonesia has the world's largest Muslim population and about 700 people have gathered in West Sumatra for the National Edict Commission meeting, which could issue fatwas on a range of areas from polygamy to doing yoga.

The debate over smoking has revealed a split between those wanting to make it "haram," or not allowed, and others who favour a "makruh," an Arabic term whereby it would only be advised that smoking is bad and it is better to drop it.

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## Comment

# First-day commandments

HineSight

**Anne Hines**

Besides working as a writer, I've spent the last eight years studying to become a United Church minister. I go to school part-time. I've said that my goal is "to try to graduate while there is still religion."

Frankly, some days, this seems a little touch and go.

Lately, the number of members in my church has been dropping faster than a Nortel-based RRSP. In fact, friends have suggested I consider a career with a brighter future. Perhaps as a typewriter salesperson or a small screen TV repairman.

But I've always been someone who follows her heart. Even when everyone's insisting its GPS must be on the blink.

As part of my studies, I'll spend the next eight months working at an inner-city church and a mental-health institution.

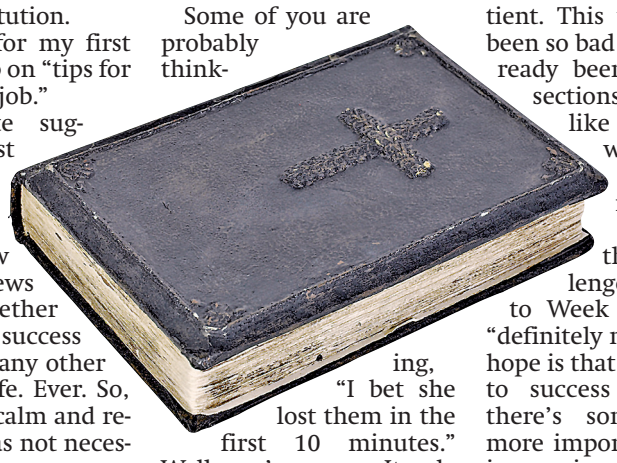
To prepare for my first day, I boned up on "tips for starting a new job."

One website suggested, "First impressions are all-important. They determine how everyone views you and whether you'll achieve success in your job or any other part of your life. Ever. So, be sure to be calm and relaxed." This was not necessarily helpful.

Nor was, "Try to show you fit in." In the past, my efforts to fit in have led me to join an office lawn bowling team, drink tree bark-flavoured coffee and agree that Tiffany is the most underrated artist of our time.

The first-day strategy I adopted was "setting the bar low." At the church, I was issued keys and cautioned never to misplace them.

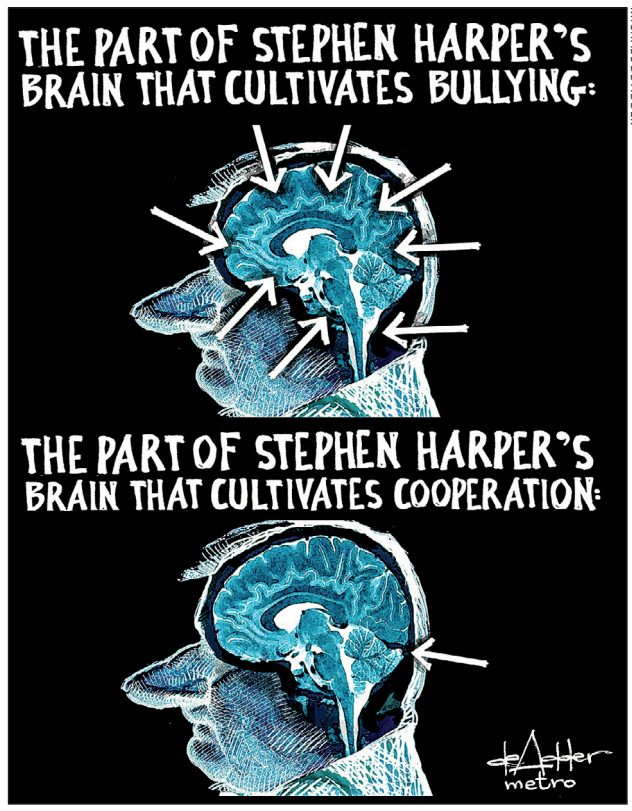
Some of you are probably thinking, "I bet she lost them in the first 10 minutes." Well, you're wrong. It only took five. For the next half hour, the entire staff searched for the keys that, fortunately, we found. Unfortunately, where we found them was in my jeans pocket.



Things didn't go smoothly at the mental-health institute either. Part way through the orientation questionnaire, the administrator realized I was there as staff, not as a patient. This wouldn't have been so bad except we'd already been through the sections on "issues I'd like to work on while here" and "preferred medications."

Am I up to this new challenge? As I head into Week 2, I'm saying "definitely maybe." What I hope is that when it comes to success on the job, there's something even more important than first impressions. Second, third and fourth ones.

*Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.*

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## Views

# Stop overreacting to transit ticket jump

InTransit

**Chris Phalen**

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Recent published comments about the increase in transit driver traffic violations would have the public believing our bus drivers are unkempt speeding huns barreling down the causeways of Calgary with blatant disregard for human life.

A call for concern over public safety by Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart is completely unfounded considering simple math puts approximately .12 tickets per driver per year on the entire transit crew.

And for the amount of total hours logged (2.31 million in 2008) by the entire transit fleet, which is more than 1,000 vehicles, we should be commending our bus captains who are battling poor infrastructure, out-of-reach schedule times, and the same snarling traffic we all face in Calgary.

Just because a professional driver clocks over the limit doesn't mean public safety is in question, it means he got caught in the same revenue generation traffic units web of entrapment we all do.

From my own personal coil of transit experience which has me on numerous routes regularly, I can say emphatically that I have never felt unsafe on the bus or C-train due to speed.

Plus, I'd rather have a driver bust a red-light than stop short in rush hour and cause the jam-packed bus patrons to violently crash into one another like dominoes.

I am not advocating for operators to be granted a self-regulating traffic-god licence, and neither are Calgary Transit officials.

Ron Collins, the communications manager at Calgary Transit, says staff takes any kind of traffic summons seriously and all are handled and investigated, with multiple offenders facing disciplinary actions.

But, even a glance at the numbers doesn't call for any kind of safety concern.

When I read the report, my first reaction was, "So what?"

I mean, a 40 ticket jump from 2007 isn't a reason to rake transit operators over the coals.

The increase is more indicative of a naturally growing transit fleet, more drivers, and more hours on the road.

Dr. Richard Tay, of the Schulich School of Engineering, and chair of the Alberta Motor Association and Centre for Transportation Engineering and Planning of road safety, says he takes Calgary transit everyday and he has never felt unsafe on a trip.

The transit public should put its personal safety stock in the opinions of those who use buses regularly, not fearmongers who speak without mulling comprehensive data to win a few votes.

Council should focus on improving transit efficiency instead.

*Chris Phalen is a past contributor to Avenue magazine. He has also contributed to the Prince Albert Daily Herald, Globe and Mail and various magazines.*

## Worth mentioning

# Nigerian police holding goat for attempted theft

Police in Nigeria are holding a goat on suspicion of attempted armed robbery.

Vigilantes took the black and white beast to the police saying it was an armed robber who had used black magic to transform himself into a goat to escape arrest after trying to steal a Mazda 323.

"The group of vigilante men came to report that while they were on patrol, they saw some hoodlums attempting to rob a car. They pursued them. However, one of them escaped while the other turned into a goat," Kwara state police spokesman Tunde Mohammed said.

"We cannot confirm the story, but the goat is in our custody. We cannot base our information on something mystical. It is something that has to be proved scientifically, that a human being turned into a goat," he said.

The goat remains in custody. REUTERS

## Quote of the Day

***"On Tuesday, we'll all see whether the prime minister has learned to listen. If he hasn't learned to listen, he's not going to lead for long."***

**— Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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**Dior feels downturn**

Paris fashion week attendees note that Christian Dior and other labels have cut back on the usual glamorous venues and extravagant festivities — such as champagne and hiring of many models — to save money as sales drop. REUTERS

# Business

## The Fed's got a plan

**With interest rates already near zero, the U.S. Federal Reserve this week will seek to flesh out new, unconventional ways to free up lending. The Fed will issue a policy statement Wednesday detailing ways it plans to restore consumer and business confidence and tackle the financial crisis.** REUTERS

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# 'Big and bold is best'

**With the Canadian government having already leaked deficit figures ahead of tomorrow's budget, investors are now focused on the specific measures that could boost sectors as diverse as construction and banking.**

They will also be seeking confirmation that a country that until recently prided itself on fiscal prudence now sees the pressing need to borrow heavily in order to boost growth.

"Big and bold is best," said Ian Nakamoto, director of research at MacDougall, MacDougall & MacTier. "It cannot be timid in this environment. You've got to throw everything you've got at it."

Canada 2009 Federal **Budget**

Analysts have speculated that the specific measures could range from regulatory changes that would let Ottawa inject equity into banks, to infrastructure spending that would boost construction and engineering firms like SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.

Financial stocks such as Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto-Dominion Bank and Bank of Nova Scotia, whose fortunes are closely tied to the broader economy, are seen as one of the best investment plays if better times beckon.

Meanwhile, government bond prices may come under some pressure from renewed deficits, though market watchers noted that Canada would not have the huge surge in supply seen in the U.S.

In currency markets, market players say a strong stimulus package could be a near-term positive for the Canadian dollar, as the boost it provides may help the Bank of Canada maintain the current positive spread to U.S. interest rates. REUTERS

## In brief

**AUTOS** German car dealers are reporting a brisk upturn in sales, an auto industry association says, thanks to government-issued vouchers of 2,500 euros for all new car buyers who scrap cars that are at least nine years old. Sales could surpass three million in 2009 — about the same as in 2008.

**RESIGNATION** Iceland's Commerce Minister Bjorgvin Sigurdsson has quit, calling into question the government's ability to rule until an early election in May and tackle the country's economic collapse. Sigurdsson said he was resigning to take responsibility for his role in the collapse, and also called on the management of the Financial Supervisory Authority to step down. REUTERS

## Currency juking untrue: China

**CURRENCY** Criticism that China is manipulating its currency is misplaced, unfair, unjust and being used as an excuse for trade protectionism, a Chinese official told Xinhua news agency yesterday.

U.S. Treasury Secretary-designate Timothy Geithner said this week that Beijing was manipulating its currency exchange policies to gain an unfair trade advantage, comments already rebuked by China's central bank.

"These comments do not only not accord with reality, they are also a misinterpretation of the main reasons for the financial crisis, and will encourage the rise of trade protectionism in some Western countries," the commentary said, without directly naming the United States.

The spat marks a testy start to ties between Beijing and the new administration of U.S. President Barack Obama.

China worries that its already slowing exports will be even harder hit by U.S. policies to narrow their trade imbalance. REUTERS

## IMF to cut growth forecast again

**GROWTH** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) will cut its 2009 global growth forecast again, this time to between one and 1.5 per cent, as economic conditions worsen, an IMF official said yesterday.

The IMF's most recent forecast, made in November, was for growth of 2.2 per cent. Since then, economic indicators have deteriorated, with many of the world's biggest economies in recession. REUTERS

## Chinese New Year **Fair festivities**

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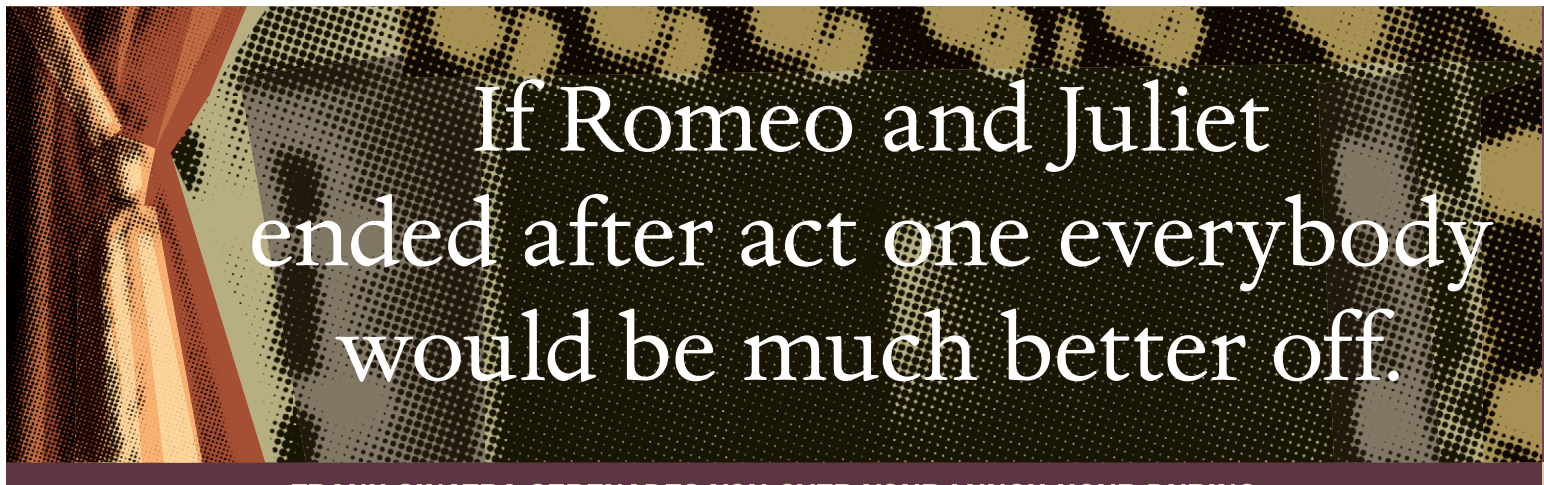
A woman wears an ice princess costume during a parade at an amusement park in Beijing yesterday. Chinese people troop to temple fairs and parks to celebrate the Lunar New Year of Ox, which starts today.



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# Building for a greener future

EarthTones

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Hello Metro readers. After a brief hiatus we, Earth Tones, are back.

Since we last spoke, many things have happened in the world. Most immediately relevant to most of us is the bottom has fallen out of the world economy. So these days companies are worried about staying in business, not trading carbon credits, and individuals are worried about keeping their jobs and paying their mortgages, not about whether to buy a Smart Car or a Prius.

A year ago, the environment was consistently among the top-three priorities for Canadians in opinion polls. These days, it doesn't even crack the top five. Is the environment still relevant in today's political and economic climate? Why should we take time away from worrying about our bank balances to worry about the Earth's balance?

First of all, we need to remember the things that were making headlines six months ago, before the headlines became dominated by who was bailing out whom and how much stock prices have fallen, are still happening now. They have just been eclipsed by things that may seem more immediately urgent.

**"We need to decide whether the environment is a luxury that we consider only in times of plenty or whether it is our lifeline that we need to sustain at all times."**

Polar ice is still melting, $CO_2$ levels are still rising. These things don't stop because humans have dug themselves a financial hole. Although worldwide manufacturing has slowed, carbon emissions have not been reduced to a level that makes a difference to global warming. We need to decide whether the environment is a luxury that we consider only in times of plenty or whether it is our lifeline that we need to sustain at all times.

We also need to remember that our economy is in transition. The benchmark for economic downturns is, of course, the Great Depression. During the Depression, many world leaders used deficit spending to finance huge infrastructure projects that laid the foundation for the modern economy.

"Spending one's way out of a recession" and running large budget deficits is controversial these days after the balanced budgets of the more prosperous years.

However, in the past, this has produced needed jobs and created infrastructure that transformed the economy.

We have before us an opportunity. The economic stimulus that we so urgently need can be used to lay a new infrastructure for a greener future. Massive investments in public transit can be made. New light-rail and bus systems can be integrated with existing systems so that in the future cars are simply not a necessity of day-to-day life the way they are today.

Similarly, the government plans to invest in industry, which will create jobs and confidence. Special consideration must be given to industries that will be environmentally sustainable and that will continue to support the economy into the future when oil is not readily available and carbon emissions are more strictly controlled.

So as we adjust to the new reality, let us hope that we can grow and change during these difficult times and emerge with an infrastructure that can carry us into a sustainable future.

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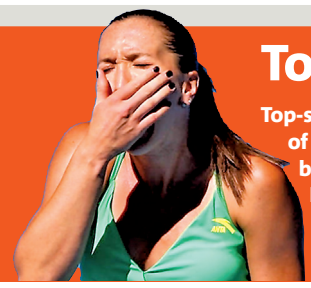
**Howard beats Martin in BDO Classic**

Glenn Howard of Coldwater, Ont., captured his first career BDO Classic Canadian Open title Sunday with an 8-4 win over Edmonton's Kevin Martin. The Classic was the third leg of the 2008-09 Capital One Grand Slam of Curling. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Sports



## Top seed Jankovic out

Top-seeded Jelena Jankovic of Serbia, left, was knocked out of the Australian Open yesterday, beaten in straight sets by Marion Bartoli of France. On the men's side, Roger Federer survived a scare, coming back from two sets down against Tomas Berdych to reach the quarter-finals. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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## Sports in brief

David Beckham

**SOCCER** David Beckham netted his first Serie A goal and Kaka scored twice after a difficult week to give third-placed AC Milan a 4-1 comeback win at Bologna. Kaka, whose world-record move to Manchester City collapsed last Monday, converted a penalty and fired in a superb strike before Beckham wrapped things up with a near-post finish.

REUTERS

**NBA** Lionel Hollins was officially named the new head coach of the Memphis Grizzlies yesterday. Hollins, who left his assistant coaching position in Milwaukee to take the job, will make his third coaching stint for the Grizzlies. The 55-year-old had served as an assistant when the expansion club, then located in Vancouver, began play in 1995-96. He eventually took over as head coach for the final 60 games of the 1999-2000 campaign after Brian Hill was fired and guided the team to a mark of 18-42.

**NBA** Milwaukee Bucks star Michael Redd will miss the remainder of the season after suffering a pair of torn knee ligaments in Saturday's game against Sacramento. Redd was hurt during Milwaukee's 106-104 win and an MRI exam yesterday revealed a torn anterior cruciate ligament as well as a torn medial collateral ligament in the left knee.

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# Two Canucks rediscover winning ways

**You'd be hard-pressed to find two Canadian Olympians who finished last winter on a bigger roll than freestyle aerialist Steve Omischl and speedskater Denny Morrison.**

DENIS SINYAKOV/REUTERS

Denny Morrison of Fort St. John, B.C., skates to win the men's 1000m event at the speedskating World Cup in Kolomna, Russia, yesterday.

Omischl won three of his last four World Cup events and six of nine to claim his third Golden Globe as the overall aerials champion. Morrison capped a superb campaign by setting a world record and winning the world title in the 1,500 metres.

But both struggled to start this final full campaign before the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. They weren't performing poorly; they just weren't as sharp as they wanted to be. Little technical problems, undetectable by most, needed to be figured out.

Well, they certainly seemed to solve them on the weekend.

A day after his moguls teammates swept the podium, Omischl landed back on top of it in a World Cup aerials event at Mont-Gabriel in Ste-Adele, Que., to take the overall lead in the standings.

There were some scary moments at the event when Calgary skier Warren Shouldice lost consciousness after a spectacular fall during his final jump. He was unconscious when emergency workers reached him but he waved to the crowd as he was carried away on a stretcher.

Morrison, meanwhile, broke the track record he'd set a day earlier to win his second straight 1,000-metre race at a World Cup in Kolomna, Russia.

Omischl said it's important athletes like himself and Morrison are patient and persistent in the tougher times.

"If it didn't take time, people would win every week," said the 30-year-old from North Bay, Ont. "It just doesn't happen in any sport, you know. You've got to piece it all together for sure ... I just do my job every day and that's going to put me in the best position."

Yesterday, that position was first for his 19th career World Cup win. He'd finished fifth and eighth in the first two events of the season and while he's working hard not to be results-focused, it seemed to be bothering him going into the event.

"It's a shot in the arm to know that I am back on track," he said.

Canada's alpine slalom team achieved a couple of breakthroughs.

Marie-Michele Gagnon of Lac-Etchemin, Que., finished ninth in just her third World Cup giant slalom in Cortina, Italy. She started 43rd, finished 20th in her first run and then vaulted 11 spots in the second. Her two-run total was 1:49.97 in a race swept by the Austrians and won by Kathrin Zettel (2:47.10).

Gagnon was part of the awards ceremony for the top 10 and was standing beside one of her heroes, American Lindsey Vonn.

"These racers have been my idols for the past few years and it's very exciting to now be at competing their level," Gagnon said.

On the men's side, Trevor White of Calgary grabbed the first top-10 of his career with an eighth-place showing in a World Cup slalom in Kitzbuhel, Austria. Michael Janyk of Whistler, B.C., was 10th as Julien Lizeroux of France claimed his first career World Cup win.

John Kucera of Calgary finished sixth in the combined event.

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# All-star performance for hometown hero Kovalev

**NHL ALL-STAR GAME**

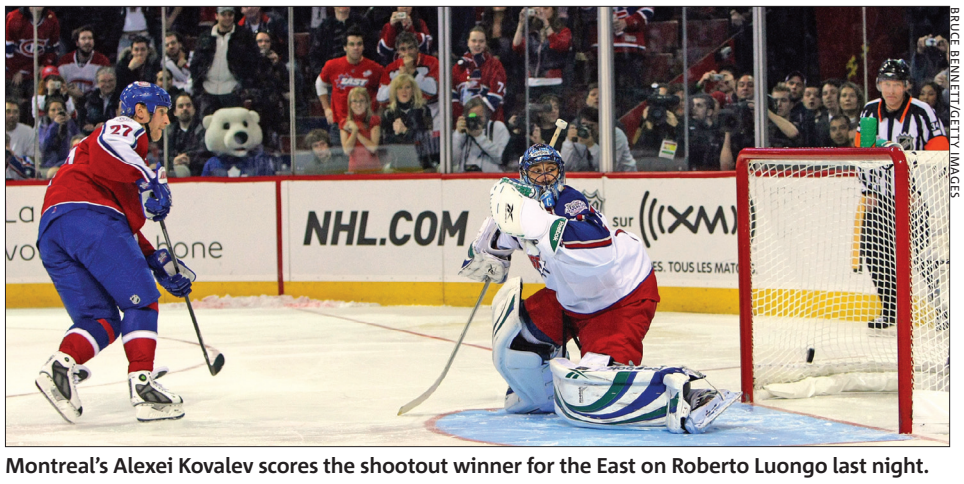
**West** 11 **East** 12 (SO)

Alex Kovalev collected three points on two goals and one assist and notched the game-winner in the shootout, as the Eastern Conference posted a wild 12-11 win over the Western Conference at the 57th NHL all-star game in Montreal.

Kovalev, the Montreal Canadiens' captain, collected MVP honours for the effort, his first such recognition in his 16-year career.

Kovalev opened the second round of the shootout on a sizzling wrister to the glove side that caught West netminder Roberto Luongo off guard.

Martin St. Louis also notched two goals and a helper for the Eastern Conference, which won for the third time in five games since the NHL re-established an East-West format in 2003.



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Montreal's Alexei Kovalev scores the shootout winner for the East on Roberto Luongo last night.

Sheldon Souray picked up a pair of goals for the Western Conference, which lost for the second time in three contests. Nash, Milan Hejduk and Patrick Marleau contributed a goal and two assists and Luongo took the loss, charged with three goals on 16 shots in 25 minutes between the pipes.

The 23 combined goals in the contest ranked second only to the 2001 All-Star game in Denver, which saw Team North America clip Team World, 14-12.

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# Workology

## Unmet targets in Halifax

**In its forthcoming 2009 Economic Scorecard Report, the Halifax Chamber of Commerce says regional universities are failing to meet the target of increasing admissions by 500 students a year. In 2008, 785 fewer students were attending metro Halifax universities than in 2004, and "the declining trend is cause for concern," it said.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Snow in the hill, then ski it yourself

OddJobs

If you're an avid skier, you'll be envious of Jodie McCutcheon. "It's a dream job," says the 37-year-old snowmaking, roads and parking manager for the Whistler Blackcomb ski resort in Whistler, B.C. "I work days, I have technology at my disposal, I make darn good money and I get to ski a lot."

McCutcheon manages a staff of as many as a hundred people, including six millwrights that do equipment repairs year-round and a large staff of seasonal snowmakers who work from October to January. These mostly young men work 12-hour shifts operating 270 snowmaking guns. These guns shoot out water that turns into snow when combined with air. Snowmaking staff adjusts the water pressure and the direction of the guns, plus they move them around the mountain and shovel.

It's McCutcheon's job to decide if it's cold enough to make snow (it's less efficient to make snow once it gets up to -1 C), assess the quality of the artificial snow and map out where the guns are going next.

He gets to his computer about 5:30 a.m. Cameras on the mountain helps him assess the snow and equipment. He also schedules his staff, checks the weather, monitors the water level in the resort's reservoir and looks ahead to upcoming ski competition and events that will need additional snow.

By about 8:15 a.m. he's outside on skis, checking the slopes and the guns. By lunch he's back in the office again, and his workday ends by 2 p.m. or 3 p.m.

McCutcheon comes from a farm in northern B.C. and briefly studied arts at university. In 1991 he moved to Whistler to be a ski bum. He started working for the mountain in equipment rentals and then as a ski patroller.

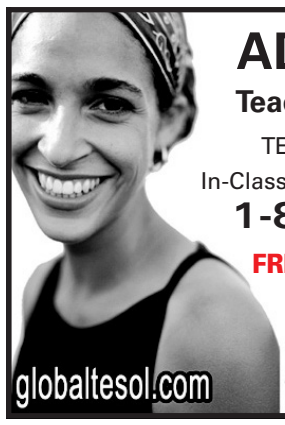
He had some friends who did snowmaking, and he liked what he heard about the job. "It was mechanical, very hands-on, very physical. And it was away from customer service. I thought I'd like it."

He joined the seasonal team in 1998. In the summer he worked as a carpenter. When the snowmaking season ended each year, he was free to ski or take a warm beach holiday.

The resort started investing more in snowmaking. McCutcheon was great with computers and technology, and started moving up the ranks. Eighteen months ago, his boss moved on and he found himself head of snowmaking operations. It's safe to say, this guy knows snow.

For the avid skier, snowmaking can be a very rewarding career.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.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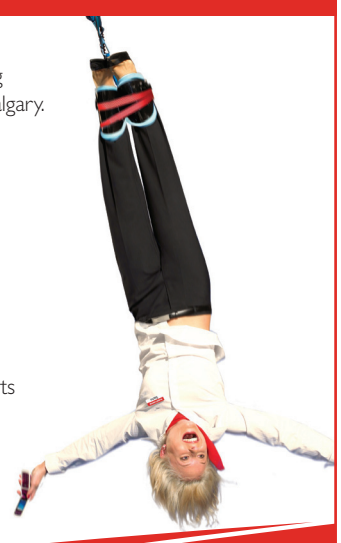

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**Senator in Travolta case resigns**

The Bahamas senator arrested over an alleged plot to extort money from movie star John Travolta has resigned from her post, despite vowing to prove her innocence. IMDB.COM

# Entertainment

## Miss America

Katie Stam of Indiana was crowned Miss America on Saturday, fighting off a throat infection, laryngitis and 51 other contestants to win the pageant. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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## Weekend box office

1. **Paul Blart: Mall Cop:** $21.5 million US
2. **Underworld: Rise of the Lycans:** $20.7 million
3. **Gran Torino:** $16 million
4. **Hotel for Dogs:** $12.4 million
5. **Slumdog Millionaire:** $10.5 million
6. **My Bloody Valentine: 3-D:** $10 million
7. **Inkheart:** $7.7 million
8. **Bride Wars:** $7 million
9. **Curious Case of Benjamin Button:** $6 million
10. **Notorious:** $5.7 million

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# Design diversity

## Reality series showcases Canadian fashions

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

**On one side of the catwalk sit nervous budding designers, their eyes the sole indicators of any present jitters. Judgment, on the other hand, flows from the facial expressions of the fashion professionals who scribble notes as garments slink by on the svelte limbs of the models on parade.**

This vogue vision is not filling the tents at Toronto Fashion Week, nor the seasonal debuts in New York or Paris. The scene is ripped from the unexpectedly stylish streets of Ottawa, the backdrop for the second season of design reality program Project Runway Canada, in which 14 aspiring designers compete for $100,000.

"The style in Ottawa tends to be thought of as conservative and high quality, with embassies and ambassadors and all kinds of high-end events," said Andrea Gabourie, the series' executive producer.

### Ready for takeoff

- Project Runway Canada premieres on Global TV tomorrow night.

"But I think there's a real emerging diversity in fashion here ... One of our goals with the show is making Canadians excited about knowing who the Canadian fashion designers are and buying their clothes."

Elevating designers into national recognition is largely established by the immediacy with which the show allows a complete unknown to display their construction and design abilities not just to the Canadian public, but also to internationally respected designers.

Brian Bailey is one of them. The women's sportswear and eveningwear designer and Canada's first to produce complementary collections for both traditional and plus sizes returns this season to mentor the contestants.

"It's about immediate brand building," Bailey said. "It's about delivering into the hearts and homes of Canadians across Canada that watch television that we have a Canadian design industry and that (its designers) are fabulous! That's a damn nice Canadian thing to say, isn't it?"

But, while it may be nice to make Canadian designers feel special, there's no denying the misconception that the show is a fashion stepchild to the United States, says host supermodel Iman.

"They have no idea how great their talent is, so they don't bring their game on because they think, 'Oh where will it go?'

"Fashion is global. There's not just a Canadian designer."

She begs to prove the Canadian designers wrong by bringing her industry expertise to the table.

"By sheer luck, wouldn't it be great if I discovered the genius of tomorrow?" she says, with a roar of laughter.

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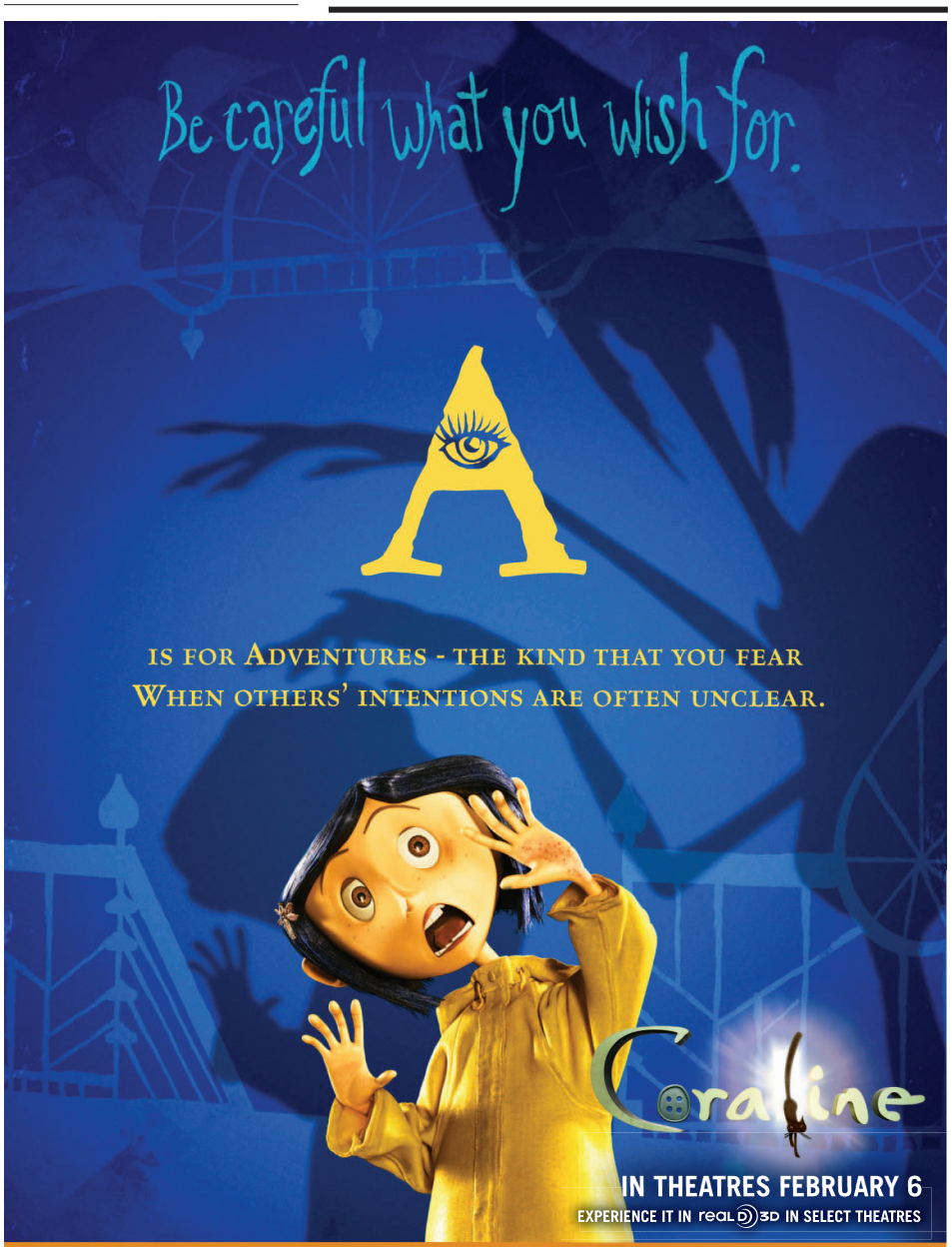
Supermodel Iman returns as host of Project Runway Canada.

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# Rise of the superbore

## Underworld: Rise of **The Lycans**

**Director:** Patrick Tatopoulos
**Stars:** Rhona Mitra, Michael Sheen, Bill Nighy
**Classification:** 18A
**Rating:**

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

**It's a remarkable feat that the Underworld series of films have managed to make a war between vampires and werewolves so boring.**

Underworld: Rise of the Lycans, the third (and fingers crossed for final) instalment is a prequel, fleshing out the origin of the centuries long struggle between these two creatures of the night. Thing is, if you've seen the first two films (Underworld and Underworld: Evolution) you'll already know this tale; both films spent plenty of screen time creating this back-story through flashbacks and over-the-top monologues.

Michael Sheen stars in Underworld: Rise of the Lycans.

As for viewers who managed to miss these cinematic gems, do you really care?

Rise of the Lycans' plot revolves around two star-crossed lovers, but instead of Montagues and Capulets, it's vampires and Lycans. Sonia (played by Doomsday's Rhona Mitra) loves lycan slave Lucian (a slumming Michael Sheen) much to the chagrin of her vampire king father Viktor (a humourless Bill Nighy).

When Viktor has his daughter killed for her transgressions, Lucian flips, rallies the other werewolf slaves and all hell breaks loose.

Being a prequel, Rise of the Lycans is freed from the need to bring viewers up to speed with a convoluted back-story, something that dragged down its predecessors. So this is the most accessible and straightforward film in the trilogy.

That said, for all the effort that has been made to flesh out the world in which the Underworld series exists the characters that inhabit it are one-dimensional archetypes.

And this really wouldn't be a problem if the action sequences weren't so dull. The choreographed gunplay that typified the first two movies has been replaced with sword fight retreads mixed with Matrix copping aerial stunts.

This could have been a great bad movie, but instead it's just boring.

**Lipstick Jungle stage manager accused of stealing**
A stage manager for the NBC show Lipstick Jungle has been charged with stealing almost $30,000 US in designer fashion from the show, reports say. Arthur Moreira, 27, was arrested Friday in Brooklyn, N.Y. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Being Ab Fab in L.A.

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**WHAT'S THE AMERICAN FOR 'SWEETIE DARLING'?** Fox is apparently pressing ahead with an Americanized version of Absolutely Fabulous, the BBC comedy that debuted in 1992 and sporadically produced five seasons and several specials.

I'm a big fan of the original show, which was, at its best, one of the most caustic and inspired pieces of social satire put on television.

I'm also no longer confident of my abilities to predict how well Americanizations of British shows will fare; I dismissed NBC's version of The Office before it premiered, and despite a miserable false start, ABC's Life on Mars turned out a lot better than my dire predictions.

While it's good news that Jennifer Saunders — one of the stars and creators of the original — will be executive producing the Fox version, there's still good reason to be worried about the show, which has been given a pilot order according to Variety and could hit the air by the fall.

**WHAT COULD GO RIGHT:** According to Variety, they've set the show in Los Angeles, which isn't exactly the centre of the fashion industry in America, but that could work; anyone who's watched a couple of seasons of Project Runway knows that the biggest loose cannons on the show are often products of L.A.'s fashion scene.

And anyone who's spent time in the boutiques of Hollywood or Beverly Hills can tell you that L.A. has money and taste in inverse proportions — as little of the latter as it has much of the former. Last year the stores were filled with pricey versions of what heavy metal groupies were wearing in the mid-80s; it would be rich to see Fox's version of Edina making her entrance

Jennifer Saunders, left, and Joanna Lumley served up the laughs in the British comedy Absolutely Fabulous.

swathed in L.A.'s take on the original show's Christian Lacroix tat.

The city matches England's abject celeb culture and exceeds it for flaky New Age trends, so the writers shouldn't have a problem mining their hometown for fecund material, and hopefully the casting director will be able to provide cameos and guest spots from celebrities on the A, B and Z lists willing to lampoon themselves.

**WHAT COULD GO WRONG:**

**"(Los Angeles) matches England's abject celeb culture and exceeds it for flaky new age trends, so the writers shouldn't have a problem mining their hometown for fecund material."**

For the life of me I can't think of any Americans able to match Saunders' or (especially) Joanna Lumley's crucial roles in the show; even in England, it was hard to imagine anyone willing to humiliate themselves by embodying such grandly irredeemable characters.

Faced with this obstacle, the writers and producers could scale back the show's comic ambitions, at which point it'll be dead in the water. I am, of course, happy to be proved wrong.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

# From mom to son, with love from dad

## A Journal for **Jordan**

**Author:** Dana Canedy
**Publisher:** Crown Publishers
**Price:** $30 (Hardcover)

When 1st Sgt. Charles King was killed in Iraq in 2006, he left behind a 200-page journal for his infant son Jordan, which offered the boy lessons on life and love. In A Journal for Jordan, King's widow Dana Canedy constructs her own letters to their son, combining excerpts from her husband's journal with an intimate account of her relationship with her husband.

## That Went **Well**

**Author:** Terrell Harris Dougan
**Publisher:** Hyperion
**Price:** $29.95 (Hardcover)

After her sister Irene was born in 1946, Terrell Harris Dougan's life turned upside down. Irene was mentally disabled, and the family had to decide whether to institutionalize their beloved daughter, as was then the norm, or try to integrate her into society. They chose the latter, and this book is Dougan's comic, touching account of growing up with Irene and how caring for her impacted her parents' lives and her own pursuit of normalcy.

## Hope & **Despair**

**Author:** Monia Mazigh
**Publisher:** McClelland & Stewart
**Price:** $34.99 (Hardcover)

Maher Arar didn't make it home to Canada from a family vacation in Tunisia in 2002. In Hope & Despair, Arar's wife Monia Mazigh recounts discovering he'd been detained on suspicion of ties to al-Qaida, his deportation to Syria and subsequent torture. Mazigh relives that time in unrelenting detail: She raised their two children alone, struggled with the Canadian government and worked tirelessly for a reunion.

BRIAN COULTON/FOR METRO CANADA

BookPicks

## Internet TVs generate buzz

**TECHNOLOGY** A new generation of Internet-connected TV sets are emerging as potentially useful tools for the recording industry in its ongoing quest to extend the reach of digital music into living rooms.

Judging from the buzz that connected TVs generated at the otherwise subdued International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas recently, Internet access may soon become as important a feature to TV buyers as screen size and resolution.

Attempts to bring online connectivity to TV screens are hardly new. What's different this year is that instead of pitching such TVs as a way to browse the web, TV makers are touting their ability to deliver a wider range of entertainment options. REUTERS

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**Being Erica**
All it takes is one intimidating person to make someone leery of standing up for herself. In this new episode, Erica has a new boss who's a real bully. To help her gain the confidence to confront him, Dr. Tom sends her back to university for a do-over with a fearsome professor. Tyron Leitso also stars in "The Secret of Now." 9 PM on CBRT

**CSI: Miami**
Season six ended with a literal bang, as head CSI Horatio Caine was gunned down on an airstrip. In this reprise of the seventh-season premiere, his colleagues pull out all the stops to find the shooter, crossing paths with some of Miami's most unsavory characters — one of whom is shockingly familiar. 8 PM on CFCN; 11 PM on KREM

**The Big Bang Theory**
Interventions are usually about getting someone to stop doing something — drinking, drugging, gambling and other addictive behaviors. But in this episode, it's all about getting a behavior started. Sheldon, you see, has a fear of driving, and Leonard and his other friends think it's time he faced his fear and got behind the wheel in "The Euclid Alternative." 9 PM on CFCN KREM

**Two on the way**
Actress Molly Ringwald, left, is preparing for double trouble — she's expecting twins, imdb.com reports. The Breakfast Club star, 40, has announced she is pregnant with a boy and a girl, according to People.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Celebrity Buzz

# Prince dumped

**ROMANCE** British royal Prince Harry has been ditched by his long-term love Chelsy Davy — ending their five-year romance, imdb.com reports.

The pair parted ways following a series of tearful phone calls, according to British tabloid the News of the World.

And a source tells the publication that despite making the decision, 23-year-old Zimbabwean Davy is "distraught" at the split.

The insider adds, "She has simply had enough. They have been going through what she calls a 'rough patch' and she didn't see the point in going on.

"Their lives have been moving in different directions. Chelsy is about to embark on a career in law and being a royal girlfriend can be quite limiting."

A royal source told the tabloid the romance had simply 'run its course,' and that the pair were still on friendly terms.

The split marks an overall troublesome time for the 24-year-old prince — he was also embroiled in a race row after a film showing him referring to an Army colleague as "P-ki" was released.

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# Sex and the City star denies split

**RUMOURS** Sex and the City star Sarah Jessica Parker has dismissed rumours she is set to split from her husband Matthew Broderick, imdb.com reports.

The couple has been dogged by rumours of an impending split ever since August when American tabloid, Star, claimed Broderick, 46, had an affair with a younger woman.

And fresh speculation arose recently, with Internet gossips claiming Parker had been spotted visiting a New York realtor to prepare for moving out of the family's Manhattan home.

But Parker and Broderick have been putting on a united front, appearing in public together on Thursday night to see Broadway play, The American Plan.

And Parker brushed off the breakup rumours, telling People.com, "This is date night. It was really lovely. We don't even bother to address them (the reports)."

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# Engagement rumours false: Gisele

**ENGAGEMENT** Supermodel Gisele Bundchen has dismissed reports she and American football star Tom Brady are engaged, imdb.com reports.

The pair has been subjected to repeated engagement rumours over the past month.

Separate reports alleged New England Patriots quarterback Brady had proposed on Christmas Eve and popped the question earlier this month.

But Leonardo DiCaprio's ex-girlfriend insists she has no sparkling ring to show off to pals.

She says, "I don't know how people are so creative. First they said he proposed to me in a plane. Imagine, it was Dec. 24, Christmas, we were flying to Boston, then there was some champagne and we celebrated the date.

"Now there's a new rumour that he proposed to me on last Friday (sic). I wasn't even there (with him), how can that be true?"

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# Angie's ex-bodyguard may release tell-all

**SCANDAL** Angelina Jolie's Oscar nomination celebrations have been marred by reports her former bodyguard is planning a tell-all which will set out to prove the actress moved in on partner Brad Pitt when he was still married to Jennifer Aniston, imdb.com reports.

Sources claim the actress, who was nominated for a best actress Academy Award on Thursday, is seeking legal counsel to block Mickey Brett's expose, which will also expose intimate details of her courtship and sex life with Pitt.

A publishing insider tells In Touch Weekly magazine, "He (Brett) knows everything about Angelina. It's going to be one of the most explosive books ever written."

Brett, who headed up the Jolie/Pitt's security detail when the couple went into hiding in Namibia before the birth of baby daughter Shiloh in 2006, was reportedly fired by Pitt last year. The insider also tells In Touch Weekly, "The (book) will include all the sordid details of how they (Pitt and Jolie) got together while Brad was still married to Jennifer Aniston."

Pitt attempted to clear up those rumours in a recent interview after Jolie revealed the couple had met and fallen in love on the set of action film Mr. & Mrs. Smith, which was made when the movie hunk was still married. He insisted there was no "dastardly affair."

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# Ramsays to renew vows

**MARRIAGE** TV chef Gordon Ramsay is set to renew his wedding vows — just months after allegations he cheated on his wife, imdb.com reports.

The F Word star's 12-year marriage to wife Tana was rocked in November by tabloid reports that he had a long-standing affair with "serial mistress" Sarah Symonds.

Yet Ramsay firmly denied the rumours, claiming: "It never happened. It was completely made up. She set it up to make some money." Now the couple have decided to cement their vows in London this June — and have even asked close pals David and Victoria Beckham to be witnesses at the ceremony. A source told British tabloid The People, "Gordon wants to show just how infatuated he still is with Tana."

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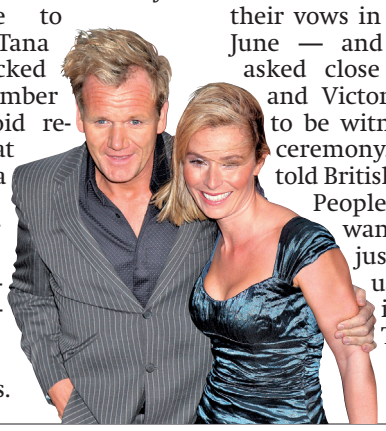

## Hathaway lauds curvier figures

**IMAGE** Actress Anne Hathaway has championed Scarlett Johansson and Beyonce Knowles for their curvy figures, praising the pair as good role models for youngsters, imdb.com reports.

She says, "I don't think it's just Hollywood that gives out that message. As a society we put out these unrealistic body images to young women.

"But I'm a normal shape and Scarlett Johansson is not a skinny, skinny girl. Beyonce Knowles looks after herself and has a beautiful body. Reese Witherspoon looks great."

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## Charlie's Angels back for more

**PEOPLE** Drew Barrymore, Lucy Liu and Cameron Diaz are set to return to the big screen as Charlie's Angels for a third film, imdb.com reports.

Six years after the sequel Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle, the trio is ready to go again.

Barrymore says, "I'm so into it... They're hard movies to make, but they're fun."

And sources tell Eonline.com that the three angels are looking to add a fourth lovely lady to the mix for their second sequel, which is set to start shooting later this year.

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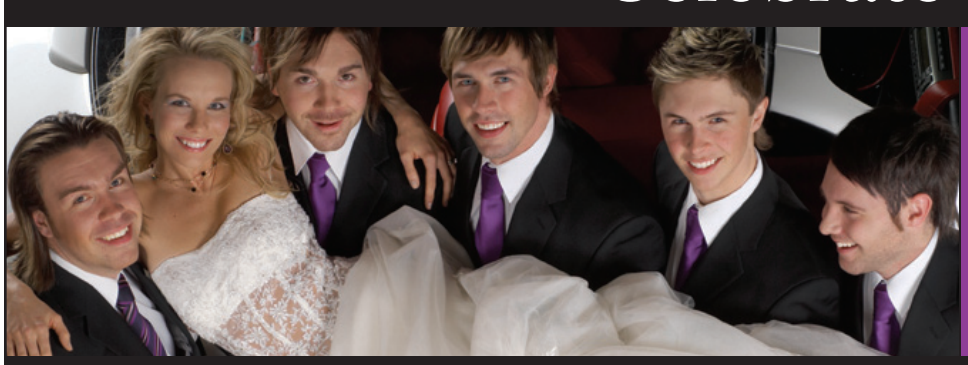

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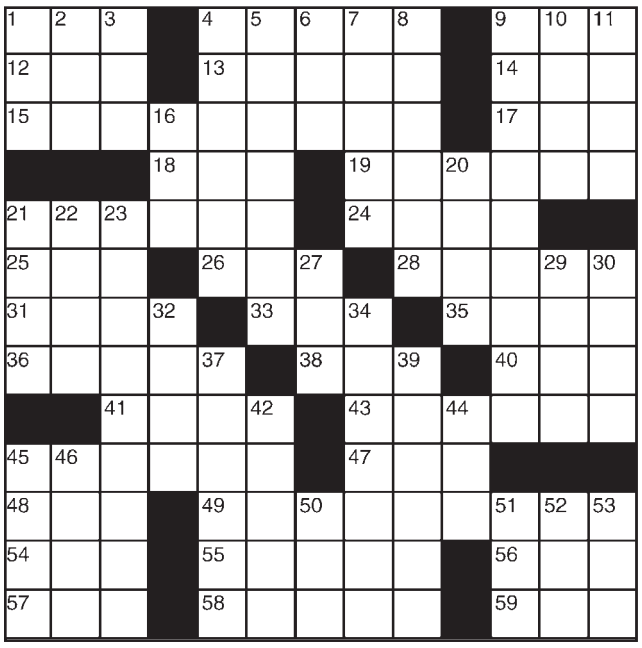

## Crossword across

1 Exercise in the park
4 Duel tool
9 Method
12 Actress Gardner
13 "..., excavating for —"
14 A Gershwin brother
15 Potbelly
17 Fresh
18 Pub order
19 Greek islander
21 Moves on momentum
24 Loathe
25 Melody
26 Conk out
28 Sounds contented
31 Church furniture
33 Pompous sort
35 Golfer Aoki
36 Wields scissors
38 Snapshot
40 Old French coin
41 Memorandum
43 Second of two
45 Inn
47 Historic period
48 "That tastes awful!"
49 Wisconsin lake
54 Bikini half
55 Draw out
56 Prune
57 Stitch
58 Discourage
59 "Monty Python" opener

## Crossword down

1 Pugilist's shot
2 Eggs
3 Festive
4 Went like Columbus
5 Serious forgetfulness
6 Auction action
7 Tennyson's "— Arden"
8 Swathe anew
9 Maxwell Anderson play
10 Neighborhood
11 Show boredom
16 Bankroll
20 Needle case
21 Spaces
22 Collateral option
23 "Rich Man, Poor Man" author
27 Kreskin's claim
29 Track competition
30 Acerbic
32 Dalmatian feature
34 Librarian's request
37 Intoxicated
39 Life's work
42 Skip a phoneme
44 Bill
45 Centers
46 Shrek is one
50 Enthusiast
51 Foreman foe
52 Understood
53 Harvest goddess

## Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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| 4 | 6 | | 7 | 9 | 5 | | 2 | 8 |
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**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**

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| 9 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 4 |
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| 2 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| 4 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 3 |
| 6 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 8 |

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**SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:**
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

## Metro Recipe of the Day

### Arroz con Pollo

**INGREDIENTS:**
3 lbs (1.5 kg) chicken breasts, thighs and drumsticks
Nonstick cooking spray
1 tbsp (15 ml) vegetable oil
1 cup (250 ml) uncooked long-grain white rice
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1 can (14 oz/392 g) low-sodium tomatoes, undrained and cut up
1 large green pepper, chopped
1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped cooked lower-sodium ham
3/4 tsp (4 ml) hot red pepper sauce
1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
1/4 cup (50 ml) sliced black olives

**METHOD:**
1. Remove and discard chicken skin. Rinse chicken; drain and pat dry. Coat Dutch oven with cooking spray. Add oil and heat over moderately high heat. Brown chicken in hot oil 10 minutes or until golden, turning occasionally. Remove chicken from Dutch oven. Add rice and garlic to Dutch oven. Cook and stir over moderate heat for 5 minutes or until rice just starts to brown.
2. Stir chicken broth, tomatoes, green pepper, ham, pepper sauce and salt into Dutch oven. Return chicken to Dutch oven. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered, about 30 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and rice is tender. Stir in olives; heat through.
**SERVES 6**

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## Horoscopes

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**ARIES**
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**
A bully will force a cancellation. You'll forget all about a bad moment. Something wonderful will happen before you know it.

**TAURUS**
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**
A message appears from nowhere. Give someone another chance to make you happy. Forgive yourself for having second thoughts.

**GEMINI**
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**
Someone's words will replay in your mind. Relatives will have temper tantrums. Make a difference by giving an understandable message.

**CANCER**
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**
A misunderstanding can cause a breakup. Hearsay should be ignored in an unfair situation. A disturbing puzzle keeps you on your feet.

**LEO**
**JULY 23-AUG 23**
A girl is secretly hoarding stuff. Be cautious about giving advice to anyone. Remember to keep smiling, no matter what happens.

**VIRGO**
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**
An adventure will cause distress. Focus on what you can do to find happiness. Go out of your way to avoid cranky people.

**LIBRA**
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**
Look for a pattern within the pandemonium. A weak-willed boy will go home. You'll hear a sad tale about cheating.

**SCORPIO**
**OCT 24-NOV 22**
A glitch causes irritability to flare up. A friend's information will be of importance. Your self-esteem is about to be increase.

**SAGITTARIUS**
**NOV 23-DEC 21**
Be tough as nails with boring people. A friend will explain about a break-up. Jumping to conclusions throws you off-balance.

**CAPRICORN**
**DEC 22-JAN 20**
Give someone a reason to avoid a difficult situation. A friend is sad about a revelation. A man lets go of a careless style.

**AQUARIUS**
**JAN 21-FEB 18**
Take the easy way out for a while. Make comments to help change a woman's mind. Get satisfaction from a new friendship.

**PISCES**
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**
An irresistible woman will go too far. Don't be your own worst enemy. Opportunities will crop up between friends.

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1. Cat-o'-nine-tails broken-off piece (1)
2. Millionaire's boat on-land parking site (1)
3. Chew on a noontime meal (1)
4. Fashionably nostalgic Paris subway (2)
5. Mental picture of a practice game (2)
6. More stressed network bleeper (2)
7. Actress Uma's white-coated weasels (2)

ANSWERS
1. WHIP CHIP 2. YACHT LOT 3. MUNCH LUNCH 4. RETRO METRO
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